

## FIRST LEGALIZED PRIMARY.

Richard M. Taylor will be the Next Mayor of Richmond.

## COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY SMITH.

The Other Victims in the Contest—A Heavy Vote Polled—What Chairman Patterson Thinks of the Primary.

The result of Thursday's primary, as announced in the Times "Extra" at 8 o'clock yesterday morning, have undergone no material change, and the tabulated figures given at that time contained the entire vote of the city reported up to that hour.

As rapidly as the precincts were heard from they were reported at the Times office, and as the ward ticket was completed the figures were rapidly computed and the results tabulated. At the hour above named the indications were sufficient to warrant the announcement of the election of the general ticket, and even the Aldermen, Councilmen, and members of the City Democratic Committee were given.

It was two o'clock yesterday afternoon before the first and fifth precincts of Clay ward were reported, and the last return certified. The forecast of the magnitude of the primary was confirmed, and the largest vote ever polled in a primary election—10,758—was cast.

The interest was intense and hundreds of men stayed awake all night to hear the returns. The announcement that the report of a primary was coming was sufficient to fill Sanger Hall with the stragglers on the streets, and in the saloons near by.

The first light of the morning cast its shadows over the faces of a score of weary and worn committeemen, worn out with twelve hours of work and waiting and the tensed and unkempt local politicians who were the night out with a mixture of red liquor and partisan enthusiasm.

Some even, not satisfied to spend the night with those whose onerous political duties required the overtaxing of brain and body, stayed until the afternoon, when every vote duly certified and formally canvassed by the committee, they went home with a feeling that the country was saved, and that their protection and patriotism had materially contributed to the result.

The incidents of the night were the boisterous and uncontrollable enthusiasm of the supporters of Mr. H. M. Smith, Jr., and Mr. J. C. Smith, and the protest of Mr. J. Taylor Stanton from the floor of the hall against members of the committee taking part in the count who were themselves candidates.

Chairman Patterson replied that the committee had nothing whatever to do with the count of the votes; that they were counted by the regular judges and clerks of election and sent, sealed and sworn to, to the committee.

Mr. R. M. Taylor, who received a large and complimentary plurality for Mayor, stayed until his nomination was a foregone conclusion, and after figuring out the certain result, he retired and went to rest after a well-earned contest against "foemen worthy of his steel."

Mr. Harry M. Smith, Jr., whose plurality was no less complimentary, announced to his constituents early that his nomination was assured, and left the hall followed by cheers.

## CHAIRMAN PATTERSON'S VIEWS.

What He Thinks of the Primary and its Result.

In an interview with Chairman Patterson, of the City Democratic Committee, yesterday, he said: "I think the election just closed is decidedly the most satisfactory yet held in this city. With one or two precincts yet to hear from, the vote polled is about 10,000 in excess of that heretofore cast in any primary. The Cleveland vote in 1892 was 10,123, which at that time was the largest Democratic vote in the history of the city. This primary shows a Democratic vote of 10,758 in the Democratic ranks. The growth evidently sprang in this particular section from the act of the General Assembly, passed on February 23, 1894, legalizing primaries in this city establishing confidence in the primary.

The feature of the plan which gave the most satisfaction and the best results was the rule forbidding anyone but voters to approach within twenty feet of the precincts. It acted like a charm on the so-called party workers and ticket-holders, for it put that nuisance and menace to good government in a position which practically destroyed its influence.

"One of those persistent advocates of his right to go inside for twenty feet of the precincts was several times by his officer to get outside and stay there. He did so with great reluctance, and assured the officer that he was of the opinion that such a measure was a nuisance, and that the officer replied: 'The fine is only \$100 and a month of twelve months in jail. If you wish to test the constitutionality of the rule, why, just saunter inside the line, and I will forthwith escort you to jail.'

"The individual replied that he would take the matter into consideration for the present, and let that precinct alone for that day. He gave him a friendly nod, and he could not peer over the shoulders to see the tickets, or, in the forcible language of Tammany Hall, 'could not deliver the goods.'

"As an evidence of their inability to deliver the goods, for the twenty-foot line was disturbed by the idea of getting rid of the ticket-holders, that he carefully prepared his ticket before he left home. Whether that vote was made out for a successful or defeated candidate will never be known, for he went up to the precinct, had his name called by the judge, checked off the books, and dropped what he believed to be his ballot into the box. The judges afterwards discovered the paper to be an overdue bill for \$2.00. He can secure this manuscript by writing at the headquarters of the City Democratic Committee.

"The new plan," continued Chairman Patterson, "proved generally satisfactory to the voters. It was a step in the direction of the Australian ballot law, which is destined to give general satisfaction to the people of Virginia. The principles of the Australian ballot law have now been adopted in thirty-eight States, Virginia being the last to take it. The City of Richmond was the first city in the State to take advantage of the preliminaries of this measure towards good and honest government, with the exception of Winchester. The law, if properly carried out, will afford the voter a benefit which cannot be overestimated in securing for them an absolute security of ballot, and preventing the old nuisance of building and the like."

Chairman Patterson said he thought a good set of men had been nominated, and that at the best interests of the city would be in safe hands for the next two years. "I have heard no one," said he, "express any dissatisfaction with the result."

"For twenty-nine hours," concluded Mr. Patterson, "without a wink of sleep, I've been engaged in working over the returns, and am now to be on duty for several hours more."

THEY WORKED FAITHFULLY.

The City Democratic Committee deserve hearty commendation from the citizens as well as the candidates for the earnest and faithful manner in which they performed their duty throughout the election.

## GENERAL ELECTION RETURNS.

	Mayor.	Commonwealth's Attorney.	Sheriff.	Auditor.	Treasurer.	Commissioner of Revenue.	City Sergeant.	Clerk Circuit Court.	Law and Equity Clerk.	Hon. Chm. Const. Court.	Cons. Court.	Colr.
<b>WARDS.</b>												
<b>MARSHALL WARD.</b>												
First Precinct.....	51	102	308	123	120	271	233	271	188	330	106	69
Second Precinct.....	217	131	219	79	242	182	118	464	267	181	128	101
Third Precinct.....	309	133	347	99	305	223	148	385	286	302	174	61
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>497</b>	<b>366</b>	<b>924</b>	<b>308</b>	<b>869</b>	<b>677</b>	<b>500</b>	<b>1,270</b>	<b>701</b>	<b>1,071</b>	<b>525</b>	<b>211</b>
<b>JEFFERSON WARD.</b>												
First Precinct.....	18	91	118	57	42	123	60	161	55	159	29	56
Second Precinct.....	87	90	260	65	95	260	110	330	173	261	82	44
Third Precinct.....	39	57	162	34	68	154	53	200	84	171	46	46
Fourth Precinct.....	173	134	379	141	228	273	107	505	329	572	229	86
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>362</b>	<b>918</b>	<b>299</b>	<b>461</b>	<b>831</b>	<b>330</b>	<b>1,336</b>	<b>621</b>	<b>961</b>	<b>388</b>	<b>162</b>
<b>MADISON WARD.</b>												
First Precinct.....	69	176	171	140	72	391	120	383	154	253	41	80
Second Precinct.....	61	376	133	178	122	158	192	361	176	282	56	100
Third Precinct.....	30	240	92	170	127	112	274	82	270	45	125	17
Fourth Precinct.....	13	51	59	43	27	95	65	96	79	85	22	29
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>743</b>	<b>485</b>	<b>532</b>	<b>276</b>	<b>987</b>	<b>452</b>	<b>954</b>	<b>492</b>	<b>893</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>334</b>
<b>MONROE WARD.</b>												
First Precinct.....	54	325	250	326	115	230	269	955	494	614	113	164
Second Precinct.....	35	315	78	220	70	110	135	378	165	315	77	178
Third Precinct.....	54	118	166	109	73	156	136	301	117	222	24	66
Fourth Precinct.....	64	130	186	129	88	185	142	334	138	334	50	72
Fourth Precinct.....	35	152	77	167	43	135	147	371	101	363	46	132
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>1,070</b>	<b>707</b>	<b>861</b>	<b>387</b>	<b>828</b>	<b>809</b>	<b>1,559</b>	<b>901</b>	<b>1,367</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>385</b>
<b>CLAY WARD.</b>												
First Precinct.....	70	416	374	368	198	214	218	547	221	548	180	194
Second Precinct.....	85	174	260	192	120	220	220	220	220	220	220	220
Third Precinct.....	63	219	309	193	113	187	167	347	121	326	61	132
Fourth Precinct.....	68	141	662	286	118	377	341	371	321	452	172	123
Fourth Precinct.....	69	188	319	186	109	242	255	347	319	296	69	144
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>1,018</b>	<b>1,895</b>	<b>1,292</b>	<b>679</b>	<b>1,243</b>	<b>1,354</b>	<b>1,791</b>	<b>1,193</b>	<b>1,905</b>	<b>479</b>	<b>682</b>
<b>JACKSON WARD.</b>												
First Precinct.....	14	11	81	34	18	54	56	49	54	51	4	5
Second Precinct.....	40	41	139	76	36	119	121	121	64	164	9	1
Third Precinct.....	37	43	199	110	27	142	92	183	110	162	75	13
Fourth Precinct.....	91	102	474	252	87	848	274	385	247	418	92	54
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>893</b>	<b>572</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>1,293</b>	<b>352</b>	<b>621</b>	<b>336</b>	<b>735</b>	<b>96</b>	<b>72</b>

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Sheriff.....	918	299	861	532	532	3,485
Auditor.....	299	308	861	532	532	3,485
Treasurer.....	461	452	954	492	893	3,945
Commissioner of Revenue.....	621	961	1,367	901	1,367	6,621
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Clerk Circuit Court.....	388	162	525	388	162	1,895
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